

**A Manual of Diseases of the Nose, Throat and Ear.** By E. B. Gleason, M. D., Professor of Otology in the Medico-Chirurgical College Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania. Fourth Edition, thoroughly revised. 12mo of 616 pages, 212 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1918. Cloth, \$3.00 net.

No book in the English language fills the place of this excellent guide both for the general practitioner and the specialist. Only a man who is thoroughly familiar with the fundamental principles of the theory and practice of the specialty could gather together in such a short space the essential and leave out the non-essentials as skillfully as has this author. It is a rare pleasure to find in the medical literature the happy combination of authority and literary style which is here exhibited and one is repeatedly startled and pleased with the ease with which the author casts into oblivion the tediously described though non-essential hobbies and half-baked experiments of the glory seeker. Sanity and caution with advanced principles are the key-note of the work, and if every general practitioner would have the book at hand and use it the patient would have far less cause for complaint than he has at present, and the specialist would see fewer phantoms and more realities.

H. B. G.

**Orthopaedic Surgery.** By Royal Whitman. 914 pages; illustrated; 6th ed. rev. Philadelphia and New York: Lea & Febiger. 1919. Price \$7.00.

In this new edition, Whitman presents us with an uncommonly well worked out text-book of orthopedics. The classical orthopedic ailments, tubercular diseases of the joints, scoliosis, deformities of the foot, etc., are treated in detail. Those which orthopedics has more recently claimed as its own, various arthritides and traumatic affections, and the rarer disorders are handled more briefly. Whitman's own methods of treatment—his foot braces, astragalectomy etc., are discussed minutely, but not to the exclusion of others. His judgment and criticism of certain extravagant methods—Abbott's work on scoliosis and Calot's statements, for example, are sane and sound. The book contains good statistical tables and references so well chosen that even the briefer chapters are easy guides to further study. It bears the same relation to orthopedics that Stimson does to fractures—its steadiness and reliability will make it a well-thumbed manual.

On Whitman has fallen the mantle of the old New York Guard of orthopedists—the lineage of Sayre, Taylor and Gibney. He, less than the rest of his American colleagues, has been caught by the widening flood of innovation arising from the war and oversweeping orthopedics. And accordingly the one lack in the book is the small stress laid on traumatic affections. One feels that Whitman has not been in and of this recent work—the work that has made of orthopedics the dominant specialty in industrial traumatic surgery. One feels that what he writes has not been gathered first hand; the chapters on traumatic disorders lack the sureness and independence of the older parts of the book. Information on those things must be sought elsewhere—from the references given in the foot-notes. With this exception, the book is thoroughly good; certainly, as it stands, it may be recommended as the standard American text.

L. E.

**Surgical Treatment. A Practical Treatise on the Therapy of Surgical Diseases for the use of Practitioners and Students of Surgery.** By James Peter Warbasse, M. D., formerly Attending Surgeon to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. In three large

octavo volumes, and separate Desk Index Volume. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. -1918-19. Per set (Three Volumes and the Index Volume): Cloth \$30.00 per set.

The reviewer predicts that this work will become immensely popular with both surgeons and students of surgery. The scope of the first volume covers the general principles of surgery, surgical technic, the surgical affections, the surgical diseases of blood vessels, lymphatics, bones, muscles, fasciae, tendons, bursae, the skin and its appendages and nerves. The second volume takes up the special surgical treatment of the head, spine, neck, thorax, breast and abdomen. Volume three covers abdominal surgery, genito-urinary surgery, surgery of the extremities, plastic and cosmetic surgery, electricity in surgery, first aid and bandaging.

Adequately to tell in detail of the subject matter of these three volumes would require an abstract of the books. Suffice it to say, that in them one finds and recognizes almost every point of interest that has appeared in the surgical literature for years past. This refers especially to the journals. A generous number of excellent illustrations constitutes one of the very valuable features of the work. One finds here a beautiful exposition of the application of surgical judgment. The work is not a catalogue of operations nor a manual of operative surgery; it is more a guide in the selection and application of the proper surgical measures to meet the needs of the cases. It will be found a most helpful and oft used addition to the surgeon's working library.

G. H. T.

**The Surgical Clinics of Chicago.** Volume 3, Number 2 (April 1919). Octavo of 242 pages, 62 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1919. Published bi-monthly. Price per year, paper, \$10.00; cloth, \$14.00.

**Quarterly Medical Clinics.** A series of consecutive clinical demonstrations and lectures. By Frank Smithies, Augustana Hospital, Chicago. 188 pages. Published by Medicine and Surgery Publishing Co., St. Louis. Annual subscription: \$5 in paper; \$8 in cloth.

**Contents:** Rectal and sigmoid diverticula. Diffuse acute cerebro-spinal meningitis. Enlarged thymus in rachitic infant. Chronic anemia. Chronic intermittent anemia. Intestinal tuberculosis. Complete esophageal obstruction at cardia. Chronic constipation. Gastric cancer. Chronic alcoholism, lues and cardiorenal embarrassment. Cardiospasm and extensive dilatation of esophagus, dysphagia. Tuberculous ulcers of tongue and anus. Fatal case of influenza. Influenza with heart leakage. Chronic gastric ulcer.

We have given the table of contents of this journal according to the diagnosis of cases presented, rather than listing them according to table of contents as given in the journal itself. The cases are well presented and each case is followed by a commentary on various laboratory and diagnosis methods which make it of particular value to small hospital groups and medical societies. The classification of cases by diagnosis, either in a table of contents or in an index would enhance the value of the journal for purposes of reference.

**Surgery of Oral Diseases and Malformations. Their Diagnosis and Treatment.** By George Van Ingen Brown. 3d Edition. Illustrated. pp. 734. Phila. & N. Y.: Lea & Febiger. 1918. Price \$7.00.

This book marks the recent evolution of dentistry from a highly skilled handicraft to an established special branch of medicine. It treats with unusual completeness the bearing of the most